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Regarding the Juneau Access project, I support the road and believe the state should keep pursuing the extension to Skagway. I believe this Lynn Canal Highway would save money both for the state and the future users. With family living in the Yukon Territory we visit back and forth and due to the costs involved we don't see each other as much as we would like. Often times in the winter the ferry arrives in Skagway after the Canadian Customs office has closed so we need to add the costs of a night in a motel to the costs of the trip. With the building of the road the whole trip time would be shortened. Air North has canceled flights between Juneau and Whithorse so the road is the only way to get there. Those against the project because of the obstacles should look where roads have been developed safely all over the world. In Europe and even Oahu, tunnels are built through mountains. Both the Haines Highway and Skagway/Whitehorse highway are closed occasionally but not for long. This did not deter the building of these highways. Please put this project on a five year schedule. I can't wait twelve years!

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